Strange and Wonderful

Prophecies and Predictions

Taken from the

APPARITION

Of the late Dreadful

COMET

The laſt Wonderful

ECCLIPS,

And the great and ſignal Conjunction of *Jupiter* and *Saturn* in the *Fiery Trigon*,

That will happen on the twenty-third of *October* next, ſignifying the utter downfall of the Hierarchy of *Rome*, and other moſt wonderful and unheard of Mutations, which ſhall happen in *Europe* within few years.

Taken from the joynt conſent of the moſt learned Aſtrologers and other famous Men, skill'd in the Aſtral Sciences.

As likewiſe a Propheſy of Mr. *Lillies*, and one of Biſhop-*Uſhers* found ſome time after their Death.

HEaven is God's Book which he lays open before Mortals, but wiſe men can only read it; Fools admire it, and Fops deride it. But 'tis moſt certain, that God ſhews not his Signs in the Heavens in vain, and that Comets, Eclipſes and remarkable Conjunctions of the Luminaries and other Stars ſignify ſomething to Mankind, ſince experience, the Miſtreſs, even of Fools, teaches us that our Bodies, and the Bodies of all Animals and Vegitables, are ſubject both to the benign and malevolent influences of the Heavens; we ſhall therefore let the ignorant and incredulous alone, and ſpeak only to thoſe, who with more judgment inquire into theſe Prodigies, which we may ſo call, though they are natural, becauſe portentous, and are remarkable Signs of things to come.

We ſhall not in this narrow compaſs go about to declare our judgment of the matter of Comets, or how produced: the opinions of the Ancients about this matter are exploded, and ſome later have ingeniouſly enough judged them to be cauſed by the Actions of Spirits,

and ſome other learned Vertuoſi have thought them (and perhaps not amiſs) by reaſon of the great height of moſt of them, that they are the Conflagrations of ſo many ſeveral Worlds. But as to this, we ſhall not diſcourſe any farther, but proceed to let you underſtand, what the learned have predicted from thoſe ſignal Apparitions, and that great Conjunction which will be celebrated in *October* next.

As to the firſt, the Comet ſeen in *England*, as well as in moſt parts of *Europe*, and alſo in *America*, in *December* 1680. According to our moſt learned *Engliſh Merlin*, it ſignifies great and unuſual Tempeſts by Sea and Land, blaſts of wind, ſtrange Treacheries, Death of Cattel, Dearth of Grain, Plague, and Famine, with great Inundations of waters. Which has been verified in the great Deluge in *Flanders* and *Holland*, and all the Low-Countries, to their unſpeakable Damage, and the periſhing of many thouſand Souls, beſides the loſs of Cattel, and Land hardly ever to be regained. As this great and unuſual Flood might be the effects of this Comet, ſo alſo it may have its ſignification and may predict Troubles, Wars, and great Devaſtations and Depredations to come ſhortly on thoſe Countries, as it hath been obſerved in the like Caſes. Therefore let *Flanders* this year and the next, look to it ſelf, and *Holland* alſo, leſt they become a Prey to the French Monarch; it is much to be feared. Beſides this Comet, we have from very faithful hands, that three Suns have been ſeen at once ſeveral times, the laſt of which was in *April* 1681. As alſo ſeveral other ſtrange Apparitions in the Ayre, of Armies Fighting; Ships combating and firing one at another, all which are not ſent in vain, and do predict ſomething more than we are free to ſpeak of at this time, but proceed in our diſcourſe of the Comet. *Fromundus* ſaith, *Cometa non eſt Phyſica cauſa calamitatum ſed ſignum potius ad placitum Dei.* That a Comet is not a Phyſical cauſe of Calamities but rather a ſign thereof, at the pleaſure of God. So we may well believe that this remarkable Comet is a ſign of many Changes to come, and we may thence predict or foretell great changes in many places, as Scarcity, Plague, Famine, Wars, and Cruelties exerciſed by ſome potent Prince.

Lilly in his *Anglicus* 1655. hath theſe prophetical expreſſions.

In the year eighty three,
Great Changes there will be.

And I have heard of another Propheſy, concerning that year, found in the Papers of a learned Man.

Who e're ſhall live to ninety three,
Three Armies ſhall in England *ſee,*
Three Princes ſhall for Empire ſtrive;
Two ſhall be ſlain the third ſurvive.
And when the Crown's plac'd on his Head,
Religion ſhall be eſtabliſhed.
The South then to the North ſhall ſay,
This is Englands *happy day.*

Time will reveal all things, but it behoves all men not to ſlight ſuch warnings from God, nor laugh at impending Judgments, but to amend their Lives. Hear what another learned man in the Science of Aſtrology tells you, in his Aſtrological Obſervations for this year, That the motion of a Comet from one place to another, manifeſts an hoſtile motion of an Enemy, from one Region to another. God preſerve us from an Invaſion. We may Juſtly fear that this Comet portends more

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wars in *Europe*. I wish the *Turk* breaks not the League with the Emperor, or invades not some other part of Christendom within these few years. He goes on and says further, the dreadful effects of this Comet will be the flight of many good people from their Habitations, the Banishment of several persons into other Countrys, unusual Tempests, dark weather, piracies, and Shipwracks with many other Calamities, destruction of Fruits, overflowing of waters, uncomfortable Harvests, Scarcity of all sort of Grain, many infirmities hapning to Cattel, as Oxen, Sheep, Hogs, *&c.* with many Melancholly Diseases frequent among the People.

But as this Comet was not in all respects as other Comets have appeared, being more remarkable in its progress, and bushy Tail or Stream measuring to many Degrees in the Heavens; Some learned Philosophers have predicted from it, some unusual mutation to be made in Religion, to the great detriment of proud Persecutors, but whether *Italy* or some other part of *Europe* be poynted at, time only will reveal. We shall now proceed to the Lunar Ecclips

This Ecclips of the Moon hapned on the 11th of *February* last, and was plainly seen of us. The Ecclipses of either Luminar, are Natural, the one being caused by the interposition of the Moon betwixt us, and the Sun, which Shadows its light by its opacous body, the other, being caused by the interposition of the Earth between the Moon and the Sun, whose shadow causes the Lunar Ecclips; yet I say these Ecclipses by all the Ancients have been observed to have produced their very great Influences and Effects upon the people of the World. This *Diliquium* or total defect of the Moon, is celebrated in the Mid-heaven in three Degees, fifty three minutes of the *Celestial Virgin*, and portends some alteration in Religion, and that many careless Christians run into strange and unheard of principles destructive to our Faith. It also predicts great sicknesses arising from cold and driness, especially unto Princes, and great persons. We may expect to hear this Summer of the Death of some great and remarkable Prince or Potentate. This Ecclips, hapning also in a Northern Asterism, portends sudden Earthquakes, according to *Ptolemy*. *Mercury* is Ruler of this Ecclips, which signifieth great Change and Mutability in the minds of Men. Treachery, Shamplots, Subtle Contrivances, Craft and Cuning among Magistrates: promotes Innovations in Religion, and in Laws and Customs, Causes high winds and a troubled Air. The effects of this Ecclips will appear among all people, and those Countrys subject to *Virgo*, *Pisces*, *Sagitary*, and *Gemini*, and that when the *Sun* and *Mars* come into those poynts, then will the effects be most powerful. We may expect a dry and unwholsom Spring, full of noxious and malignant fumes, which may give great detrement to the Fruits of the Earth. Thus much for this remarkable *Lunar* Ecclips, we will now proceed to the great Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* which is indeed very signal.

This notable Conjunction of which we are now about to speak, is between *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, in the Regal Sign *Leo*, which predicts very notable things, being also seconded with a Conjunction of *Mars*, both with *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in the same Kingly Sign; the effects of which will last many years, and, as a knowing Astrologer says, will much alter the Affairs of *Europe*, and give the form of things another Face, from what it had before. Things that have long been a hatching will now be brought to Light. God preserve *England* from another new

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contrived Popiſh Plot, and private Enemies under the mask of Friendſhip. *Mars junctus Saturno ſtruet fraudes multas & deceptiones.* *Mars* being joyned with *Saturn*, brings forth many frauds and Sham-plots, Robbing by Land, Piracies by Sea, great unfaithfulneſs of great ones one to another; and Teeacheries and Villanies of all kinds. God preſerve this Nation from Peſtilence, which ſeems to be threatned by the Malevolent influences of *Mars* and *Saturn*: alſo great Feavors and other Epidemical Diſeaſes, towards the latter end of this year, and next Summer. *Multa cadunt inter labia & Calicam*: many mens expectations ſhall be fruſtrated; there is a Square of *Jupiter* and *Mars* that will make a great noiſe and will very ſhrewdly ſhake if not break to pieces the Image of *Nebuchadnezar*, *Verbum Sapienti.*

This Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* and *Mars* in *Leo*, and all of them in Square to *Venus* in *Scorpio*, and the *Moon* alſo diſpoſed of by *Mercurie*- and yet in Square to him, is one of the worſt revolutional Figures that may be ſeen. Theſe Conjunctions hapning in *Leo*, near the Tropick of *Cancer*, will pour their effects on thoſe Northern Regions to purpoſe, becauſe their diarnal Ark or time above the Earth is near 15 hours, ſo that during that time, the power of their rayes have great influence, to alter the Principles of the Ayr, and ſo by Conſequence of all other things living in it: we ſay, that this will be a cauſe of many perturbations; mens minds will be ſtirred up to fiery and furious Actions, to War, Battel, Murther, Treachery, Rebellion, and the like. In ſome of the Northern parts of *Europe*, becauſe they have all North latitude in *Leo*. *Saturn* in a fixed ſigne Signifies Mortality, and Scarcity of Fruits of the Earth: and indeed a great Mortality is to be feared, for *Saturn* and *Mars* are in the 4th and both Dignities in the 8th Houſe, which is the Houſe of Death. But God may hear the prayers of the Faithful, theſe things invite men to Repentance, and to Supplicate Almighty God to divert his impending Judgments.

By it *England*, *Ireland*, part of *France*, all *Scotland*, and *Holland*, *Polonia*, *Sweeden* and *Denmark*, ſeem to be much Concerned: many inundations, tempeſts, Shipwracks, Peſtilence, Famine, and unuſual diſeaſes will ('tis very likely) be manifeſted in thoſe Countrys. This famous Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, falls in about 20 degrees of the Regal ſign *Leo*, on the 23d of *October*. 5 *H. Poſt M.* The fiery *Trigon*, or the Conjunctional returns into this *Trigon*, have always been attended with very notable and Memorable Changes both of Church and ſtate, and very great Actions and Alterations in Kingdoms and Countrys. This being the 7th Revolution ſince the begining of the world.

The famous *Merlinus Anglicus* tells you that the firſt Revolution of this *Trigon* after the Worlds Creation, fell in the days of *Enoch*, the ſecond in *Noah*'s time, when the univerſal Flood drowned the World, the third in the time of *Moſes* when the Children of *Iſrael* were delivered from the *Egyptian* Yoak, the fourth was about the ſetting up of the Monarchy of the *Medes* and *Perſians*, the fifth fell about the time that our bleſſed Saviour lived here upon Earth, the ſixth was when *Charles* the Great tranſlated the Weſtern Empire to the *Germans*. And now this is the ſeventh which has a ſingular Myſtery of Sabbatiſm, and promiſes great things more than ordinary to the World. Its effects will laſt ſeveral years, and will be about the year 1801 e're this triplicity has its full period: about which time we may expect the utter overthrow of the Hirarchy of *Rome*, if not before; and that about that time we may expect a Total Cataſtrophy of the world, and in the mean time we may look for great and Marvellous alterations and Changes in the Conſtitutions of Empires, and ſtrange Revolutions of Monarchies and ſtates. But *Leo* being a Regal ſigne, and in trine to *Aries*, *England's* aſcendent, what ever Changes we may expect at home, Monarchy will be advanced and we need fear no danger of a Common-wealth, for no ſuch thing is threatned from its Influence, but rather that ſome petty ſtates, ſhould chooſe them ſome warlike prince, and become Monarchical. Who ever lives to 88 ſhall ſee ſuch Revolutions as few expect but we ſhall at this time Conclude with this Propherical *Enigma*. When the Eagle builds his Neſt on the top of a Firtree, let the white Raven leave Croaking, for his end is neer: the Frog and Reremouſe ſhall enter into a League, but ſhall be both deſtroyed by the Sparow-hawke. Then ſhall a man ariſe with the Sun on his head, whoſe rays ſhall Illuminate the Northern parts of *Europe*, then Peace and Plenty ſhall flow thorow all his Dominions, which ſhall Extend from the North to the South haveing divers Princes his Tributaries.

Theſe things ſhall all fulfilled be
Before Seven hundred Eighty three.

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